

# LETTER: What way the wind blows

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To the editor:

In addressing the wind against wind power, I would like to suggest a solution. If you don't like the placement of wind towers, which are placed with a negotiated agreement for an annual fee, you could pay the landowners a competitive amount for not putting the towers in that location. This is capitalism not a dictatorship that you seem to prefer.

If you feel you should not have to spend your money for your personal satisfaction, what gives you the right to take property rights and income from your neighbors? The landowner has a written agreement with the wind company.

In addressing the depreciation of assets, how many home owners have offices in their homes, purchased vehicles that are used for business, but also personal use. A home office, computers or other family expenses are written off as business expenses or depreciation. Wind farms also take advantage of depreciation of assets. Local businesses also take advantage of the Production Tax Credits just like wind development.

There are many taxes that wind farms pay. They have sales tax, contractors excise taxes, property taxes for townships, counties, schools and the state.

They also pay an annual rental fee to local landowners. Those payments are taxed numerous times as they pass through a local community. I believe the state budget was short on sale tax income. If the wind farms are not developed those taxes will not be paid. Everyone's property taxes will continue increasing.

Landowners have rights to use their property as they see fit as long as the towers are placed with safety concerns in mind.

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